



## City of Sonoma

### COMMISSION APPLICATION

Received Date: October 3, 2017

Application Type: Planning Commission

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**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY:** 20 yrs/week ends; 5 years full time      **REGISTERED VOTER:** Yes

**EMPLOYER:** Newmark, Managing Director

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:** Employed

**REASON FOR APPLYING:** I am a current planning commissioner and find the commission work interesting and important to our City future.

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Maryland, BA Psychology 1964. Some graduate study in law, business and city planning

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** My 30 years as an East Bay Industrial/commercial real estate broker requires a working knowledge of municipal planning, zoning and development. Involved in General Plan update in Berkeley and Emeryville.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Episcopal Homes Foundation; Board member, Chairman of Finance Committee. Oakland Strokes Jr. Rowing Club Chairman. Lake Merritt Rowing Club; Board member; Sonoma Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee

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#### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

**Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?**

Planning Commission: +- 26 meetings attended

**What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?**

The Planning Commission conducts hearings on discretionary land use applications as they relate to the General Plan and Development Code. It has a key role in the periodic General Plan update for Sonoma's future.

**What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?**

To continue developing a working knowledge of the Sonoma General Plan, Development Code and apply this to the review process of land use applications that are presented to the Commission.

**What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?**

I am in line with much community thinking to attempt a balance between the interests of residents and those of the tourism industry.

**Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?**

Planning Commission from March 2017 to present

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS:**

If appointed, you will be required to fill out a disclosure statement, which identifies certain details of your financial interests beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment and annually on or before April 1 of each year thereafter. Please confirm that you have read Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 Reference Pamphlet and the City's Conflict of Interest Code agree to file the required FPPC Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest, as required by the Political Reform Act and/or the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

I AGREE

**Do you own property in the City of Sonoma? Yes**

**If yes, please list the address(es):**

299 First Street West

**Do you rent property in the City of Sonoma? No**

**Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or with which you are associated that might be affected by decisions of one or more of the Commissions, and the positions you hold in these entities.**

NA

**Do you have a defined idea about, or have you taken a public stance on, any current or pending projects in the City? If yes, please explain (This includes social media, speaking to a Commission or the Council, letters to the editor, signed a petition etc.)**

My position on current pending projects in Sonoma are a matter of the public record of the Planning Commission

**Is there anything else you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?**

Our home is a 1901 farmhouse that my Wife and I renovated and were awarded the outstanding historical renovation project of the year. We own and manage a 10 unit apartment bldg. in Oakland and understand landlord/tenant concerns.

*I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted. I also agree that if appointed, I will serve on the Commission/Committee for which I have submitted this application.*

I AGREE

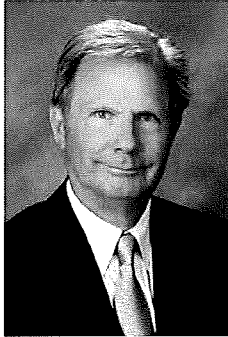




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### Years of Experience

30 Years

### Areas of Specialization

- Industrial Properties
- Urban In-Fill Development
- Land and Building Sales & Leasing
- Development Opportunities

### Professional Background

Jim Bohar, a vice president with Newmark Cornish & Carey's Emeryville office, has been active in East Bay Commercial real estate since 1983, representing users and developers in land and building sales, as well as leasing in the Alameda and West Contra Costa Counties. Mr. Bohar's business philosophy focuses on adding high value to his clients' real estate projects by advising them to make the most informed decisions.

Prior to beginning his real estate career, Mr. Bohar served as a naval officer and held various marketing positions with major corporations IBM and Raytheon. Mr. Bohar is a member of the West Oakland Commerce Association, the East Bay Brokers Association, the Oakland Board of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

### Partial List of Clients

- AC Transit
- American Hospital Supply
- Bausch & Lomb
- Bay Alarm
- Costco Wholesale Corp
- Del Monte Fresh Produce
- Gaylord Container Corp
- General Electric Co.
- Legacy Partners
- Newman Property Company
- Peet's Coffee & Tea
- Principal Financial Group
- ProLogis
- Regatta Industrial Center
- Reynolds & Brown
- Sara Lee
- Security Pacific Bank
- Sullivan Graphics
- Sunshine Business Partners
- Test North America
- Whole Earth Access

### Education

Mr. Bohar earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Maryland. He is a licensed California salesperson and a member of the California Board of Realtors.